On the move

M. E. Binnion F. E. Agosti

M. E. (MART) BINNION (photo) has been promoted by the Engineering and Construction Services Group of Dow Chemical U.S.A. (Houston, TX) to section manager of the instrumentation and electrical section. A member of the ISA Houston Section, Binnion has been group leader of the instrumentation group for the last nine years.

FRANK E. AGOSTI (photo) has been named general superintendent of Detroit Edison's generation construction department. GEORGE D. STEWART succeeds Agosti as superintendent of the company's Monroe Power Plant. Agosti and Stewart are veteran employees of Detroit Edison (Detroit, MI); Stewart most recently was on the company's strategic planning staff. Both men are members of the ISA Wayne County Section.

JOHN H. SOULLIERE, a member of the ISA Boston Section, has been named regional sales manager of The Foxboro Co. (Foxboro, MA). CARLTON D. PRATT, a member of the ISA Down East Maine Section, succeeds Soulliere as district sales manager for the power systems division. Pratt formerly was field application specialist.

Houston Instrument (Austin, TX), a division of Bausch & Lomb, has named LOUIS ARNOLD as sales manager for the OmniScribe® strip-chart recorder product line. Arnold formerly was internal sales coordinator.

W. THOMAS LISENBY has been named director of field operations for Honeywell's Fort Washington (PA) Process Control Div. Lisenby has held various sales management positions since joining the firm in 1952.

AL KADIS has been named chief engineer for panel instruments in Fairchild Camera and Instrument Corp.'s Instrumentation Systems Group (San Jose, CA), responsible for the design of all new Fairchild digital panel instrumentation. Formerly manager of instrumentation at RdF (Hudson, NH), Kadis is a member of the ISA Boston Section.

Companies

Acquisition

RAYTHEON CO. (Lexington, MA) will acquire SWITCHCRAFT, INC. (Chicago) early this year. Switchcraft, which is to become a wholly owned subsidiary of Raytheon, recently purchased the thumbwheel and rotary switch lines from CHICAGO DYNAMIC INDUSTRIES, INC.

Contracts

Shell Oil Co. has contracted with METROMATION, INC. (Princeton, NJ) for computer and hardware to be used at its Martinez, CA manufacturing complex. With the equipment, Shell hopes to reduce energy consumption, primarily though improvements in the control of the facility's furnaces, fractionation columns and utility systems.

WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC (Pittsburgh) has received a $16.5 million order from the Sao Paulo, Brazil metropolitan transit system to supply propulsion and control equipment for 108 new transit cars. Westinghouse will supply solid-state "chopper-type" motor controls, auxiliary power equipment, and on-board automatic train control equipment for the new cars.

Consolidation

SANGAMO ELECTRIC and WESTON INSTRUMENTS have been reorganized into one corporation, SANGAMO WESTON, INC., a subsidiary of Schlumberger Ltd. Sangamo Weston is headquartered in Springfield, IL. The EMR Telemetry plant (Sarasota, FL) is one of Sangamo Weston's plant facilities.

New address

CASHCO INC. has relocated its manufacturing and sales headquarters from Decatur, IL to Ellsworth, KS. The new facility provides triple the floor space of the former site.

Expansions

BECKMAN INSTRUMENTS, INC. has restructured its Process Instruments Div. in the U.S. from one operating unit to three departments—Process Analytical Instruments Dept., Process Control Instruments Dept., and Automotive Test Products Dept.

GOULD'S VALVE AND FITTINGS DIV. (Chicago) has formed a new Imperial-Eastman valve manufacturing facility in Chicago.

VALTEK's new 130,000-sq-ft headquarters plant in Provo, UT is scheduled for completion in mid-1977. Also, the firm will construct an assembly and service center near Houston, to be operational in mid-1977.

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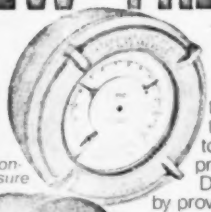

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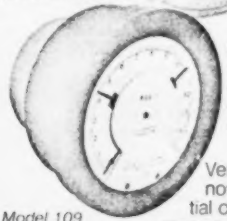

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